

Chairman Royce Welcomes Prime Minister Modi to the U.S. Capitol

Dear Friend,

As you know, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a historic visit to our nation's capital this summer. After my urging, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan invited Prime Minister Modi to address a Joint Meeting of Congress, an honor given to few world leaders. As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I was a part of the Prime Minister's escort delegation and personally hosted an event commemorating his visit and progress made in U.S.-India relations.

During his address to Congress, the Prime Minister spoke eloquently of the bond shared between the oldest democracy and most populous democracy, the

United States and India. He mentioned India's efforts to cut the red tape and roll out the red carpet for both Indian and American businesses.

The most rousing part of Prime Minister Modi's speech was his mention of the Indian American community. The Prime Minister spoke proudly of the doctors, engineers, lawyers, professors, business owners, entrepreneurs, and scientists in the Indian American community that make our country strong. I'm a staunch advocate for Southern California's vibrant Indian American community and will continue to champion all Indian Americans.



Chairman Royce personally hosted an event commemorating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. Capitol and the alliance between the U.S. and India. Prime Minister Modi has called Chairman Royce his "best friend" in Congress.



Nina Davuluri, the first Miss America of Indian descent, was the keynote speaker at Chairman Royce's Women's Conference this year. Chairman Royce invited her to speak about STEM education, an issue he works on in Congress.

When I first met Prime Minister Modi, he was Chief Minister of Gujarat and an earthquake had caused a great deal of destruction in Bhuj. I flew to India with USAID to lead a relief effort the day after the earthquake. I remember how then Chief Minister Modi brought order to the chaos. I remember his leadership. I remember his efforts on the ground directing and setting an example. And as I observed the perseverance and spirit that the Chief Minister instilled in his people, I knew that he had an aptitude for leadership. With the reforms he put in place, Gujarat experienced 10 percent economic growth per year. This is the kind of reform agenda that India needs to regain the mantle of being a dominant world power.

Things have come a long way between our nations. I was one of the early co-chairs of the Congressional India Caucus when we had a few dozen members. I'm proud to say that I built the caucus to over 150 Members of Congress, and it's now the largest country-specific organization in Congress.

This is a testament to how far our relationship has come, and how important the U.S.-India partnership is to Congress. But it's also a testament to the Indian-American community, which has worked tirelessly on behalf of the partnership. As



Chairman Royce and his staff meet with India's Deputy Chief of Mission Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu to discuss preparations made for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S.

Prime Minister Modi told me during our time together, the partnership between the U.S. and India has a bright future, and will be the defining alliance of the 21st century.

I will continue to use my position as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee to support U.S.-India relations and Indian Americans. If there is any way I can serve your family, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Royce".

Ed Royce
Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee



Chairman Royce and Prime Minister Modi spoke about the economic, national security, and cultural ties between the oldest and most populous democracies, the United States and India.

Chairman Royce Stands Up for Asian American Students

The Asian American Coalition for Education (AACE) awarded Chairman Ed Royce with the Champion of Equal Education Rights Award for calling for a government investigation of Harvard University's alleged discrimination against Asian Americans applicants. Chairman Royce is also supporting a government investigation of similar alleged discrimination by Yale University, Brown University, and Dartmouth College against Asian Americans.

AACE President Mr. Yukong Zhao said: "Chairman Ed Royce has been continuously supporting the Asian American community, especially in the field of equal education rights. Last year he took the lead to write a letter in support of our Administrative Complaint against Harvard's discriminatory admission practice against Asian American applicants."

Chairman Royce said: "Being Asian American should not be an obstacle to receiving a top university education. Asian American parents are right to be concerned when their hard-



Chairman Royce is recognized by the Asian American Coalition for Education for supporting a government investigation of elite universities allegedly discriminating against Asian American applicants.

working, high-performing children are shut out of top schools. Any discrimination by elite universities against Asian American students is wrong."



Chairman Royce recognizes Shimona Srivastava with the Congressional Gold Medal Award, given to students who perform an exemplary amount of community service hours.

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Miss America Nina Davuluri Joins Chairman Royce

Every year Chairman Royce hosts a Women's Conference, an event designed to empower women with the tools and resources they need to succeed. This year, Miss America Nina Davuluri joined Chairman Royce as the keynote speaker. She spoke to the crowd of over 700 attendees about her experience growing

up as an Indian American and the backlash she faced when first crowned Miss America. Chairman Royce and Nina are both working to promote STEM education and ensure that young people pursue careers in science, math, medicine, and engineering.



Members of the community attended Chairman Royce's Women's Conference and met with Miss America Nina Davuluri to discuss the importance of STEM education.



Chairman Royce discusses his advocacy for the Indian-American community with a constituent. You can contact him via www.royce.house.gov if there is a way he can serve you.



Chairman Royce welcomes the Zala Family of Chino Hills to his Washington office. Chairman Royce can book tours for your family's D.C. trip, please visit www.royce.house.gov.